the aforesaid procedure, then such unfilled positions shall be treated as vacancies and the provisions of §928.26 shall apply.

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§928.23 Selection.

The Secretary shall select the grower, handler, and public members, and an alternate for each, from nominations made under §§ 928.20, 928.22 and 928.26, or from other qualified persons.

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§ 928.24 Failure to nominate.

If nominations are not made in the time and manner prescribed in §§ 928.20, 928.22 and 928.26, the Secretary may without regard to nominations select the members and alternate members of the committee.

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§ 928.25 Acceptance.

Any person selected by the Secretary as a member or as an alternate member of the committee shall qualify by filing a written acceptance with the Secretary promptly after being notified of such selection.

§ 928.26 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the failure of any person selected as a member or as an alternate member of the committee to qualify, or in the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any member or alternate member of the committee, a successor for the unexpired term of such member or alternate member of the committee shall be nominated and selected in the manner specified in §§ 928.20, 928.22, and 928.23: Provided, That the committee may in its discretion submit its recommendation to the Secretary of a nominee eligible to serve in accordance with the requirements specified in §928.20. To the extent practicable, the committee's recommended nominee for a grower member or alternate grower member position to represent a particular district shall be a grower recommended to the committee by the incumbent grower representatives of the committee from a particular district, or such nominee

shall be a qualified grower recommended by the grower group with which the former member was associated immediately prior to vacating the position; and the recommended nominee for a handler member or alternate handler member position shall be the handler recommended to the committee by the incumbent handler representatives of the committee, or such nominee shall be a qualified handler recommended by the packinghouse with which the former member was associated immediately prior to vacating the position.

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§ 928.27 Alternate members.

An alternate member of the committee, during the absence or at the request of the member for whom he is an alternate, shall act in the place and stead of such member and perform such other duties as assigned. In the event of the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of a member, his alternate shall act for him until a successor for such member is selected and has qualified.

§ 928.30 Powers.

The committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) To administer the provisions of this part in accordance with its terms;
- (b) To receive, investigate, and report to the Secretary complaints of violations of the provisions of this part;
- (c) To make and adopt rules and regulations to effectuate the terms and provisions of this part; and
- (d) To recommend to the Secretary amendments to this part.

§ 928.31 Duties.

The committee shall have, among others, the following duties:

- (a) To select a chairman and such other officers as may be necessary, and to define the duties of such officers; and to select sub-committees, advisory committees or other committees and define the duties of each:
- (b) To appoint such employees, agents, and representatives as it may deem necessary, and to determine the compensation and to define the duties and procedures of each;